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- ☐ Note attached communication from the Examiner  
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TITLE OF  
INVENTION

DATA COMMUNICATION METHOD USING IDENTIFICATION PROTOCOL

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**NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY**

**PART I**

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. ☒ All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
3. ☒ The allowed claims are 24-76
4. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [ ] been received. [ ] not been received. [ ] been filed in parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
6. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
7. ☐ Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
8. ☒ Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons For Allowance.
9. ☐ Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
10. ☒ Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

**PART II**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

1. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
2. ☒ APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER.
  - a. ☒ Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto ~~on to Paper No.~~ CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
  - b. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
  - c. ☐ Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
  - d. ☒ Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

Any response to this letter should include in the upper right hand corner, the following information from the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE: ISSUE BATCH NUMBER, DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, AND SERIAL NUMBER.

**Attachments:**

- Examiner's Amendment
- Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413
- Reasons for Allowance
- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449
- Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152
- Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948
- Listing of Bonded Draftsmen
- Other

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**Part III DETAILED ACTION**

*Preliminary Amendments*

1. The preliminary amendments filed March 18th and June 27th, both 1996, have been entered and considered.

*Information Disclosure Statement*

2. The Information Disclosure Statement filed July 3rd, 1996 has been entered and considered. An initialled copy of the PTO-1449 by the Examiner is attached.

*Drawings*

3. This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.
4. Formal drawings are **required** responsive to this Office action.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

5. Claims 24-76 are allowable over the prior art of record.
6. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior art fails to render obvious the claimed apparatus and method for one of a plurality of responder transceivers to respond to interrogation messages from two or more commander transceivers including, inter alia, a responder upon receiving an interrogation from a first commander specifying a reply address, utilizing logic means to respond or initiate a waiting period, receiving a second interrogation message from a second commander and determining a reply address in such manner so as to inhibit response collision with any other responder reply as claimed.

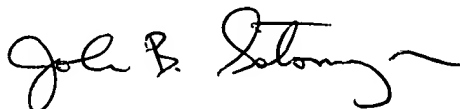
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

*Conclusion*

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Examiner John B. Sotomayor** whose telephone number is (703) 306-4170.

**IF LINE IS BUSY** or for any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application your telephone call should be directed to the **Group receptionist** whose telephone number is (703) 306-4177.

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